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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Aiken Standard: Haley: 'Vets should feel at home in S.C.'

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150610/AIK0101/150619995>

Derrek Asberry

It's been two years in the making, but Gov. Nikki Haley has finally inked a bill that will allow veterans using the GI Bill to attend public colleges in South Carolina without having to pay out-of-state tuition.

Senate bill 391 was heavily influenced by Sen. Tom Young, R-Aiken. Young said in May that the extra expense with out-of-state tuition causes some veterans to decide not to attend or to defer enrollment.

Note: In addition, the bill will help in recruiting more veterans to the state. "That's incredibly helpful when we're recruiting companies to South Carolina," Haley said. "They love to hire veterans. And so for me, this is a great recruiting tool."

Augusta Chronicle: New bill provides financial relief for all veterans at South Carolina public colleges, universities

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/education/2015-06-09/new-bill-provides-financial-relief-all-veterans-sc-public-colleges>

Mike Rosier

Gregory Ware watched the impediments to his college dream disappear as South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed Senate Bill 391 at USC Aiken to provide in-state tuition at all state public colleges for military veterans and their dependents.

Note: "You put yourself on the line and give it everything you've got (as a veteran) and we say thank you, but it has to be in our actions," Haley said at the ceremonial bill signing. "When you are in South Carolina and you served our country you are family. In this state, if you or your dependent decides to go to school, we are going to treat you like a South Carolinian because that's what you deserve."

WLTX: Gov. Haley Signs Law Giving All Veterans In-State Tuition in SC

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/06/09/gov-haley-signs-law-giving-all-veterans-in-state-tuition-in-sc/28766555/>

Robert Kittle

All military veterans and their dependents will now be charged in-state tuition at South Carolina's public colleges and universities, regardless of where they're from. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the law Tuesday at USC Aiken, surrounded by veterans who are students there.

Note: "When you are in South Carolina, if you served our country you are family, and you are part of the South Carolina family, and in this state if you or your dependent decides to go to school we're going to treat you like a South Carolinian because you deserve that," Gov. Haley said.

WJBF: Governor Haley Signs Bill to Waive In-State Tuition for Veterans

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/29279473/governor-haley-signs-bill-to-waive-in-state-tuition-for-veterans>

Nicole Snyder

Veterans in South Carolina will now get the opportunity to receive in-state tuition at colleges and universities as soon as they become residents. Governor Nikki Haley signed the bill into law earlier this month, but came to Aiken today for a special ceremonial signing.

Note: "When you are in South Carolina, if you served our country, you are family, and you are part of the South Carolina family, and in this state, if you or your dependent decides to go to school, we are going to treat you like a South Carolinian because you deserve that," said Governor Nikki Haley.

WAGT: Governor Nikki Haley signs bill 391 into law reducing tuition for veterans

<http://www.nbc26.tv/story/29280021/governor-nikki-haley-signs-bill-391-into-law-reducing-tuition-for->

veterans

Janny Rodriguez

The governor of South Carolina paid a visit to student veterans at USC-Aiken. Governor Nikki Haley officially signed into law a veteran's bill that will help with college tuition. Bill 391 will offer in state tuition to veterans going to school in South Carolina. State and local leaders tell NBC 26 it was a multi-year effort and they are proud to finally see it become official.

Note: The bill means veterans can go to school at a more affordable rate which is something Governor Nikki Haley and Senator Tom Young are proud to offer. "We will never question money spent when it goes to a veteran or a veterans family. There is no price you can pay on the sacrifice that they have for our country," said Governor Nikki Haley.

WIS: Supreme Court case decision could mean trouble for SC residents using Obamacare

http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db_330790/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=jJhDPZHX&pn=&ps=#display

Jeremy Turnage

Over 150,000 South Carolinians may lose their help from the federal government to pay for healthcare. The US Supreme Court is set to decide on a case which could dry up federal subsidies coming to the Palmetto State. South Carolina one of 26 states that have opposed the Affordable Care Act and requires anyone in the state who gets insurance under the program to do so at the federal level.

Note: Lourie says there are options like contracting out the federal exchange to operate at the state level. Gov. Nikki Haley says she's clashed with the president on healthcare before. "When we brought up the healthcare system and where we thought we could go marketplace wise, he said set up a state exchange," Haley said.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley to sign police body camera bill in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150609/PC1603/150609318>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley will sign a bill on Wednesday that calls for guidelines and potential funding for police body cameras in South Carolina. Haley's office announced Tuesday afternoon the signing will take place in North Charleston, at the Felix C. Davis Community Center at 4800 Park Circle.

Greenville News: Simpsonville mayor found guilty on 2 of 3 charges

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/golden-strip/2015/06/09/simpsonville-mayor-perry-eichor-declines-take-stand/28739837/>

Romando Dixon

A jury on Tuesday found Simpsonville Mayor Perry Eichor guilty of misconduct in office and obstruction of justice in connection with his discussion of a pending case with a municipal court judge. Jurors deliberated for about an hour on three charges, finding Eichor not guilty of intimidation of a court official. Eichor, 80, was sentenced to probation.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley suspended Eichor from his position last May. Simpsonville Councilwoman Geneva Lawrence is the city's mayor pro tem.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Senate panel meets for budget-related talks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150610/PC1603/150619965>

Cynthia Roldan

A Senate panel will meet this morning to vote on the advancement of a bill that would keep the state funded at current levels past July 1, after a different panel failed to reach an agreement on the budget earlier this week.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Rock Hill Herald: Legislature passes domestic violence law

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/editorials/article23611669.html>

Editorial

During a legislative session in which state lawmakers managed to accomplish almost nothing, passage of a domestic violence law was a bright spot. This bill exemplified what can be achieved when lawmakers from both parties and the governor unite to get something done.

Note: The changes approved by lawmakers and signed into law last week by Gov. Nikki Haley went a long

way in remedying those disparities.

Note: Gov. Haley has called the reforms the first step in changing the culture that allows high rates of domestic violence to persist. She created a special task force to study domestic violence and its causes, which has met throughout this year, and has asked the panel to report back by Aug. 6 on solutions.

Aiken Standard: Veteran tuition bill common sense step

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150610/AIK0201/150619999>

Editorial

For too long, South Carolina law kept college out of reach for too many student veterans. Before the passage of a bill sponsored by S.C. Sen. Tom Young, R-Aiken, during this past session, a one-year wait time existed for service members leaving the military to receive in-state tuition. These are the men and women who have fought to protect us.

Index-Journal: Driving point home to SC lawmakers

<http://indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/Driving-point-home-to-SC-lawmakers>

Editorial

Here's an idea you can take on the road. State legislators should use the days leading up to their return to the Statehouse on Tuesday on a vacation. Of sorts. Call it a staycation because they need to remain within the borders of South Carolina.

Post and Courier: A failing TSA is not OK

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150610/PC1002/150619968>

Editorial

Last week's news that federal airport security personnel recently failed to detect 67 out of 70 attempts by expert undercover federal agents to smuggle guns or explosives aboard passenger aircraft in the United States shocked the traveling public and cast a harsh spotlight on the Transportation Security Administration.

South Carolina News:

The State: Feds want to turn Columbia VA building into parking lot

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article23622145.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain, Jeff Wilkinson

The federal government plans to demolish the former Veterans Affairs regional office in downtown Columbia to make way for a parking lot, a move that upsets Mayor Steve Benjamin. The agency moved its 400-employee regional office to a new site off Garners Ferry Road in 2009.

Post and Courier: Report: \$28.1 billion to rebuild homes from hurricane storm surge in Charleston area

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150609/PC05/150609328>

Warren L. Wise

A major hurricane's surging waters from a direct hit in the Charleston area would affect 112,000 homes and cost \$28.1 billion to rebuild, a new report has found. Along South Carolina's coast, more than 308,000 single-family homes sit in the path of a raging storm surge. The total reconstruction cost would be \$70.4 billion in the Palmetto State if the entire coast took a hit.

Post and Courier: Class-action lawsuit claims public colleges discriminate against children of undocumented immigrants

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150609/PC16/150609317>

Deanna Pan

When 19-year-old Antonio Rojas Rodriguez received his acceptance letter from the College of Charleston this spring, he was elated. He had fallen in love with the campus during two overnight visits his junior and senior year. An aspiring entrepreneur, he planned to study business and economics so that one day he could open his own authentic Mexican restaurant.

Local News:

Sun News: PTR coming out of hole of 2014 downturn

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/article23611852.html#storylink=cpy>

Steve Jones

Perhaps no Horry County employer has made national news like PTR Industries. The gun manufacturer

landed in the news in a big way when it moved from Connecticut to Aynor to protest new laws the state enacted after the massacre of school children and staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

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